REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 21, 2007. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 29 to 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,151,131 (Pepin). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 29 is directed to a printing system which enables execution of printing of data of a job output from a remote computer, by a printing device. The system includes a store controller unit that causes a memory unit which can store data of a plurality of jobs to store data of a first type job, without starting of printing of the data of said first type job by the printing device, in a case where a job output from the remote computer is the first type job of the first type job corresponding to a job that a first request was performed in the remote computer and a second type job corresponding to a job that the first request was not performed in the remote computer; a user interface controller unit that causes a user interface unit of the printing device to execute display for selecting at least one of the plurality of jobs including the first type job that data has been stored in the memory unit; and an operation controller unit that causes the printing device to execute a first operation that performs printing of scan image data obtained by using a scanner unit to a sheet needed as a cover sheet of a print of the first type job and that causes the printing device to execute a second operation that performs the printing of data of the first type job that data has been stored in the memory unit without starting of the printing by the printing device,

in a case where the first type job is selected from the plurality of jobs via the display and in a case where a second request is performed via the user interface unit of the printing device. The data of the first type job is stored in the memory unit without starting a printing by the printing device in accordance with the first request via a user interface unit of the remote computer, the data of the first type job being printed in accordance with the second request via the user interface unit of the printing device. A printing result of the scan image data is attached to printing results of the data of the first type job as a bundle of printing results. Therefore, a printing system in accordance with Claim 29 allows a delay in the printing of data from a job so that scanned image data may be included with the final print out.

In contrast, Pepin discloses a method of developing a job for output with an output subsystem. The method includes generating a first electronic representation of a first image at a first time, reading a subset of placemarking instructions at a second time, generating a second representation of a second image at a third time, wherein the second time is after the first time but before the third time. At a fourth time, which fourth time is after the first, second and third times, a selected function is performed relative to a third electronic representation of the third image in response to the reading of the subset of placemaking instructions. (See Pepin, Abstract).

However, Pepin is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the feature of a store controller unit for a printing device that causes a memory unit which can store data of a plurality of jobs to store data of a first type job, wherein the data of the first type job is stored in a memory unit without starting a printing by said printing device in accordance with a first request via a user interface unit of said remote computer, the data of the first

type job being printed in accordance with a second request via the user interface unit of said printing device. As Pepin does not provide for storing of print data without starting printing, Pepin cannot provide a printing result of scan image data attached to printing results of the data of the first type job as a bundle of printing results as featured in Claim 29.

In light of the deficiencies of Pepin as discussed above, Applicant submits that amended independent Claim 29 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 37 and 45 are directed to a method and a computer-readable storage medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the system of Claim 29. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 37 and 45 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

No claim fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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